

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON GREAT LAKES AND ENVIRONMENT

Wednesday, May 9, 2007

12:00 p.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

Representative Warren, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Warren, Donigan, Ebli, Griffin, Kathleen Law, Leland, Meadows, Miller, Valentine, Robertson, Emmons, Moolenaar and Walker.

Representative Valentine moved to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2007 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4721 before the committee.

HB 4721 Bennett Environmental protection; water pollution; baseline environmental assessment fee; eliminate sunset.

Representative Bennett testified in support of HB 4721.

Carol Linteau, representing the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, testified in support of HB 4721.*

James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, submitted a card in support of HB 4721, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Robertson offered the following amendment to HB 4721:

1. Amend page 3, line 6, after (4) by striking out "A" and inserting "Until June 5, 2017, a".

Representative Robertson moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4721.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Warren, Donigan, Ebli, Griffin, Kathleen Law, Leland, Meadows, Miller, Valentine, Robertson, Emmons, Moolenaar and Walker,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representative Robertson moved to report out HB 4721 as substitute (H-1) with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Warren, Donigan, Ebli, Griffin, Kathleen Law, Leland, Meadows, Miller, Valentine, Robertson, Emmons, Moolenaar and Walker,

Nays: None,
Pass: None.

HB 4721 (H-1) reported out with recommendation

The Chair laid HB 4222 before the committee.

HB 4222 Brown Environmental protection; funding; surcharge on solid waste entering landfills; earmark.

Representative Brown testified in support of HB 4222.

Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association, testified in support of HB 4222.

Cyndi Roper, representing Clean Water Action, testified in support of HB 4222.

Joe Fivas, representing the Michigan Municipal League, testified and expressed concerns with HB 4222.

Brad Van Guilder, representing the Ecology Center, testified in support of HB 4222.

Tom Hickson, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, testified in opposition to HB 4222.

Dan Batts, representing the Michigan Waste Industries Association, submitted a card in opposition to HB 4222, but did not wish to speak.

James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, submitted a card in support of HB 4222, but was not able to speak due to time.

Representative Miller moved to excuse absent members.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Palmer and Meekhof.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 1:27 p.m.

Representative Rebekah Warren, Chair

Ben Cook
Committee Clerk
May 9, 2007
1 hour 27 minutes

Date Approved and Signed

* indicates written materials attached to report out file.